

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in relation to the present application.

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) A track assembly adapted to be mounted in a housing, the track assembly comprising:
 - a first rail member;
 - a second rail member joined and aligned with ~~coupled to~~ ~~said~~ the first rail member ~~expandably and allowed limited relative longitudinal movement with respect to said first rail member, the first and second rail members each having an interior end located proximate to the cooperating portions of the first and second rail members and a distal end located opposite to the interior end; said joined first and second rail members having a mounting brackets respectively attached to distal ends of said the first and second joined rail members; a spring biasing member positioned between said joined the first and second rail members to providing provide a force for extending the distance between said the distal ends of said the joined first and second rail members; and a locking mechanism interacting with said the first and second rail members, said locking mechanism having a locked position resisting to resist inward movement of said the distal ends of said joined the first and second rail members with respect to one another.~~

2. (currently amended) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein each said mounting bracket includes a mounting tab adapted to be received in a mounting slot in the housing.

3. (currently amended) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein said the second rail member includes a longitudinal elongated slot ~~and having a~~ fastener ~~is~~ inserted ~~through~~ ~~therethrough~~ ~~said elongated slot and to~~ secured ~~secure to~~ ~~said the~~ first rail member ~~to~~ ~~the second rail member, said the~~ fastener and ~~said the~~ elongated slot being configured to limiting the relative longitudinal movement of ~~said the~~ rail members with respect to each other.

4. (currently amended) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein said the first and second rail members slidably engage each other.

Claims 5-9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended) The track assembly of claim 1, ~~further~~ comprising a slide assembly mounted to one of said the rail members.

11. (currently amended) In a A sliding track assembly adapted to be mounted in a rack, the sliding track assembly having a slide assembly mounted to a rail assembly, ~~the improvement comprising the rail assembly having comprising:~~
~~first and second rail members joined longitudinally with relative longitudinal movement therebetween engaged with one another expandably, the first and second rail members each having a distal end located proximate to the rack;~~

~~each of said first and second rail members having a mounting brackets respectively attached to a distal ends of said the first and second rail members; and a locking mechanism interacting with said the first and second rail members, said the locking mechanism having a locked position configuration limiting inward collapsing movement of said the rail members with respect to one another.~~

Claims 12-15. (canceled).

16. (currently amended) The sliding track assembly of claim 11, wherein each ~~said~~ mounting bracket includes a mounting tab adapted to be received in a mounting slot in the rack.

17. (currently amended) The sliding track assembly of claim 11, ~~further comprising a spring-biasing member positioned between said the joined engaged first and second rail members to providing provide a spring force opposing inward movement between said of the distal ends of said the joined first and second rail members with respect to one another.~~

Claims 18-22. (canceled).

23. (new) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein the biasing member comprises a compression spring.

24. (new) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a tab located on the first slide rail and an actuatable member extending through the first and second rails for interlocking engagement with the tab.

25. (new) The track assembly of claim 24, wherein the locking mechanism is operable tool-lessly.

26. (new) The track assembly of claim 24, wherein locking mechanism comprises a biasing mechanism configured to bias an actuatable member towards the tab.

27. (new) The track assembly of claim 11, comprising a biasing member configured to expand the first and second rail members with respect to one another.

28. (new) The track assembly of claim 11, wherein the biasing member comprises a spring.

29. (new) The track assembly of claim 11, wherein the locking mechanism is tool-lessly operable.

30. (new) A track assembly, comprising:
a first rail member configured to receive a second rail member expandably, wherein
the first and second members each include an engaged end located proximate
to cooperating portions of the first and second rail members and a distal end
located opposite the engaged end;
a biasing member configured to bias the distal ends relative to one another; and

a locking mechanism configured to prevent relative movement between the distal ends.

31. (new) The track assembly of claim 30, wherein the biasing member comprises a compression spring.

32. (new) The track assembly of claim 30, wherein the locking mechanism is operable tool-lessly.

33. (new) The track assembly of claim 30, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a tab located on the second slide rail and an actuatable member extending through the first and second rails for interlocking engagement with the tab.

34. (new) The track assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein the distal ends each comprise a mounting bracket.